

ROOSEVELT GOES SLOW ON TRUSTS

Investigation of Beef Combine Completed, but No Action Will Be Taken Until Report Is Fully Considered.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The investigation of the Beef Trust, instituted by the Bureau of Corporations at the instance of Congress, practically has been completed. The report will be presented to the President, and it is quite likely that it will be submitted to Congress shortly after the opening of the session in December, although the law confers discretionary power upon the President as to the publication of the operations of the bureau.

No intimation is given as to the nature of the report or of what recommendations, if any, Commissioner of Corporations Garfield may submit. It can be said authoritatively that any suggestions that legal action may be taken by the Government against the Beef Trust of against any aggregation of capital, as a result of the investigation made by the Bureau of Corporations, at least, are premature.

No decision yet has been reached and none will be reached until the report has been considered thoroughly by the President and his advisers.

AMERICANS WIN IN GAMES AT OXFORD

Young and Schutt, Rhodes Scholarship Students, Take Three Events in Freshmen Sports of English University.

LONDON, Nov. 10.—At the Oxford freshmen sports to-day, T. M. Young, of South Dakota, a Rhodes scholarship student, won the long jump, with 20 feet 8 inches, and also the hurdle race. W. E. Schutt, of Cornell, another Rhodes scholar, won the mile run. Time—4m. 45.5s.

D. R. Porter, of Maine, won two events—putting the weight, with 31 feet 1.2 inches, and the hammer throw, 95 feet 1 inch.

OUTBREAK OF FIRES IN WHICH LIVES ARE LOST

Sisters Die Together While Vainly Battling to Escape, and an Aged Paralytic Is Killed in a Fierce Blaze—Police and Firemen Save Seventeen.

Three persons were burned to death, several others overcome by smoke and a score of thrilling rescues made with scaling-ladders and life-rafts at a fire which gutted three floors of the five-story flat building No. 140 East Ninety-seventh street at 5 o'clock this morning.

THE DEAD:

WEBBER, FREDERICK, sixty-nine years old.
EHLAN, LILLIAN, eighteen years old.
EHLAN, BLANCHE, fifteen years old.

The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin and the work of some pyromaniac. It was started in a pile of oil-soaked boxes and barrels near the stairway in the basement, between the elevator shaft and dumbwaiter shaft.

Both the dumbwaiter shaft and elevator shaft acted as flues for the flames, and they were carried to the roof and upper stories with a roar, the draught causing them to spread with remarkable speed.

The fire was discovered by a milkman, who refused to give his name. His shouts were heard by Policeman Gilkert, of the East One Hundred and Fourth Street Station. Gilkert turned in an alarm and then ran to the building to help the tenants out.

The first company to arrive was Fire Patrol Wagon No. 5. The Captain sent Firemen Edward Knapp and Benjamin Lewis up with scaling ladders. Hook and Ladder No. 13 came next and ran up three ladders.

On the top floor lived Henry Ehlman, a buyer for Macy. With him lived his father-in-law, Frederick Weber, sixty-nine years old, and a sufferer from paralysis; his wife, Mrs. Weber; his son, Frederick Ehlman, and his daughters, Annie, nineteen; Lillian, eighteen, and Blanche, fifteen.

Henry Ehlman carried his mother-in-law, Mrs. Weber, to the fire-escape, and she was taken to the ground by a fireman. Frederick helped his sister Annie, and she, too, was carried down by a fireman.

They supposed the other two girls were following and tried to get back to help the father-in-law, Weber, but were driven back by the smoke and flames and had to climb down.

Weber was afterward found by a window in front. He had crawled out of bed to the window and had fallen there, being badly burned. The two sisters, Lillian and Blanche, were found dead in their bed. They had been suffocated and burned.

Across the hall from the Ehlmans lived Mrs. Paula Lutz, a Spanish woman, and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Coe. Coe carried Mrs. Lutz to the window, and Firemen Knapp and Lewis took her down on the scaling ladders. On arriving at the ground she remembered her jewels and ran back through the building to get them.

Coe and his wife had already been overcome, and were carried down by the firemen. They were later sent to the Harlem Hospital.

Due to the congested condition of the stairs and fire-escapes the tenants of the building had many narrow escapes from death, the work of rescue performed by the firemen being heroic in the extreme.

750 GIRLS IN A WILD SCRAMBLE FOR LIFE

A wild cry of fire where there was no fire at all sent the 750 employees of the American Cigar Company in the factory No. 40 East Fifty-second street flying panic-stricken down the narrow, winding stairs of the building to-day.

Six hundred and fifty of the fear-stricken persons were Italian and Hun-

garian girls, and so completely did they lose their heads that the most heroic efforts to check the panic were futile. A score of the girls jumped from second and third-story windows to the roof of an extension at the first floor, and while some were hurt, others landed safely on their feet.

In the halls dozens were knocked down and trampled upon, while others were cut by the sharp tobacco knives which some of the men held in their hands as they rushed down the stairs, having forgotten to drop them in their excitement.

Ten Seriously Injured.

Many of those who were slightly injured left the vicinity before the police could get their names, but ten were treated by physicians from the Flower Hospital for serious injuries.

ALBY, LENA, nineteen years old, of No. 21 East Fifty-fourth street, ribs crushed and internal injuries.
CAPECHE, ROSE, nineteen years old, of No. 24 East Seventy-fifth street, severe internal injuries from being trampled on.

CAHOULIE, MARY, twenty-eight years old, of Fifty-third and First streets, arms twisted and contusions.

MALEK, MARY, twenty-seven years old, of No. 137 First avenue, left thigh broken and internal injuries.
POCHT, HELEN, twenty-five years old, of No. 161 Avenue A, left arm twisted and contusions of head.

PRICHEN, ANNIE, twenty years old, of No. 230 East Seventy-third street, bruises and shock.

TROOP, ANNE, twenty years old, of No. 125 East Third street, ankle broken.

REINERT, Mrs. SARAH, twenty-one years old, of No. 6 East Third street, forewoman of the factory; jumped from window, breaking one leg and sustaining internal injury.

VIBELLE, CLARA, twenty-five years old, of No. 329 East Seventy-fourth street, cut about face and arms with a tobacco knife.

WILLS, BARBARA, thirty years old, of No. 41 First avenue, contusions, shock and internal injuries.

"The factory is at the foot of East Fifty-second street, and the east side of it, which is dotted with windows, opens out on the river. Several days ago a leak was discovered in the roof, and to-day some men came around to fix it. Directly in front of the factory they put up a huge tin caldron. They built a fire under this and the tar was boiling, when a wagon, owned by the Erie Cigar Box Company, drove up to the factory to deliver a load of boxes. While the driver was inside the horse backed into the caldron and overturned it.

A lot of rubbish in the street caught fire and great volumes of thick yellow smoke went skyward. The wind blew it in clouds into the windows of the factory, and a girl seated at a tobacco-cutting stand lost her head, and dropping her tools, sprang to her feet with a yell of "Fire!" A fireman rushed at the girl and tried to stifle her, but it was no use. Shouting "Fire! Fire! Fire!" at the top of her lungs she rushed across the floor and started for the stairs.

Cry of Fire Taken Up.

The cry was taken up by a score of girls. On the other floors it was heard, and as the smoke from the tar was continued to come in the windows, accompanied by a strong smell of burning debris, everybody took flight and in less than a minute the panic was under way.

The halls are narrow and crooked, and they were soon clogged up with screaming girls and men, fighting valiantly to get past one another. Other girls had made for the elevator, but they piled on so fast that the elevator man couldn't operate the car. Then they got off the elevator and started for the hall, increasing the confusion there. Still other girls, finding no way of escape, went to the windows on the east side of the building and started jumping.

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